

Rules and Guidelines

In-house and Traveling Bean Bags Rules

Our hope is that you enjoy your experience participating in our leagues. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please feel free to contact me at any time during the season. Evaluation from participants is extremely valuable and new ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Rosters & Eligibility

1. **Eligibility:** Teams may be composed of two men, two women or a combination of both. There are no special co-rec rules. All participants must be at least 18 years-of-age as of the start of the season.
2. **Roster:** Players must be on the roster prior to playing in their first game. You may have up to 5 players on a roster. Players are only allowed to play on one team. Players may be added to your league roster at any point in the regular season. Email league director with roster changes and questions. Rosters will be frozen at the completion of the regular season.

Inclement Weather

1. **Weather line:** Call 952-985-4690 (option 2) after 4:00pm to verify whether games are on as scheduled. Check the weather line frequently if weather is questionable. It will be updated immediately if games are cancelled. Emails will be sent out as well.

Late Arrivals and Forfeits

1. **Player limit to play:** A team must have two players to start a game; no team shall start short.
2. **Grace period:** A five-minute grace period is allowed only for the first game.
3. **Forfeits:** The team manager is responsible for notifying their opponents as well as League Directors if unable to play a scheduled game. Please do so as soon as you know you will not be able to play to be courteous to the opposing team(s).

Other General Information & Requirements

1. **Alcoholic beverages permitted:** Glass bottles are strictly prohibited anywhere in the park. Any players or fans that have glass bottles in their possession will be asked to leave the park.
2. **Dogs required to be on a leash:** Please keep dogs (or any pets) on a leash if they are present in the park.

PLAYING RULES

League Format

1. **Match length:** A match will consist of three games to 21 regardless of if one team wins or loses all three. If there are time constraints during the third game, teams will play to 11.
2. **Time limit:** There will be a 45 minute time limit per match. If teams are in the middle of a game when the 45 minutes time limit expires, teams shall finish the round and the score will become official. Any games not started within that time will be considered a tie. Points earned: Win=2 points, Tie=1 point, Loss= points. This is per game. So, the total points that one team could accumulate in one **match** is 6 pts.
3. **Reporting scores:**
 - a. **Traveling SORR League:** The winning team should report scores to the onsite staff person. This should be done immediately following the completed matches so that the league standings can be kept up-to-date.
 - b. **In-house League:** The winning team should report scores to league director by emailing krobinson@lakevillemn.gov at the end of play. Scores should be reported by both the winning and losing teams.

Rules

1. Two players per team (doubles). Team partners face each other from opposite boards.
2. Distance measured between Foot Foul Edges: 20 feet
3. Teams shall flip a coin or play rock-paper-scissors to determine who starts the game
4. Opponents alternate tosses until all eight bags are thrown
5. The round is then scored (See Scoring)
6. The last team to score on previous round tosses first
7. Toss again if any interference occurs
8. Opponents may call Foot Foul and the call must be honored
9. The losing team has choice of sides for next game

Scoring

1. A game is won by the first team to score 21 points or more, a score of 11-0 (SKUNK), or in the case of the match time limit expiring, whichever team is ahead, regardless of score. Games can end in a tie.
2. Three points for each bag in the hole.
3. One point for each bag on the board.
4. Score is the difference in the team totals. For example, after 1 round of 8 bags is played:
Team #1 has 1 bag in the hole and 2 bags on the board. $3+2=5$ points
Team #2 has 2 bags on the board. $1+1=2$ points
So after that round it would Team #1 leading 3-0 ($5-2+3$ points). The next round, Team #1 would go first because they were the last team to score.
5. Bags pushed in by an opponent's toss count as normal scoring.
6. If the bag is on the board it counts. The bag can be rolled on, bounced on, or thrown directly onto the board. Lift the board for questionable calls.

Standings & Awards

1. **Final regular-season league standings** determine playoff seeds and are based on:
 - a. Points earned.
 - b. Tie breakers for final standings, in order used: head-to-head record; point differential from head-to-head games; overall point differential; a coin flip.
2. **League awards:** Regular-season sets seeds for the playoffs. Regular season and playoff champions will both receive an award.
3. **Playoffs:** Playoffs will begin the week following the last regular-season games and will be completed in one or two evenings, depending on schedule availability. Players must have played in at least three regular –season matches to be eligible for playoffs. The higher regular-season seed will start each match-up. More details on the playoff format will be communicated at a later time.

League Director(s) reserve the right to change or add rules at any time to maintain a fair and enjoyable league for all.

